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1. SUMMARY: DURING INFORMAL MEETING OF CCD TO DISCUSS
SPRING SESSION WORK PROGRAM, GENERAL AGREEMENT WAS REACHED
ON UNOFFICIAL MEETINGS TO BE HELD DURING SPRING SESSION
ON CCD PROCEDURES, COMPREHENSIVE NEGOTIATING PROGRAM,
NEW TYPES AND SYSTEMS OF MASS DESTRUCTION WEAPONS, CHEMICAL
WEAPONS, COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN, AND A SECOND MEETING OF
SEISMIC EXPERTS GROUP (WHICH EXTENDED SESSION UNTIL APRIL 28).

END SUMMARY.

2. DURING INFORMAL MEETING OF CCD ON FEB 24, IMMEDIATELY AFTER PLENARY SESSION, AN EXTENSIVE DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE PROVISIONAL SCHEDULE OF UNOFFICIAL MEETINGS FOR THE SPRING SESSION, AND RELATED ISSUES. NETHERLANDS REP (VAN DER KLAUW) REMAINED IN THE CHAIR. PROPOSAL BY THE CO-CHAIRMAN ALONG LINES REFTEL SERVED AS BASIS FOR DISCUSSION, WITH US REP EXPOUNDING ON RATIONALE FOR WORK-PROGRAM.

3. YUGOSLAV REP (LALOVIC), AS CHAIRMAN OF THE GROUP OF FIFTEEN (NON-ALIGNED MEMBERS), EMPHASIZED THAT IT WAS IMPORTANT FOR CCD TO INTENSIFY ITS WORK DURING THE YEAR IN VIEW OF THE INCREASING INTEREST IN MAKING PROGRESS BEFORE THE UN SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT IS CONVENED IN 1978. HE PROPOSED (A) EXTENDING SPRING SESSION THROUGH APRIL 28, I.E. FOR ONE ADDITIONAL WEEK; (B) OPENING SUMMER SESSION ON JUNE 7 AND THEN RECESSING DURING SEABED ARMS CONTROL TREATY REVIEW CONFERENCE (JUNE 20-JULY 1), AND THEN RECONVENING CCD ON JULY 5, AND ENDING ON AUGUST 25. SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF GROUP OF FIFTEEN, HE ALSO PROPOSED REVERSING DATES FOR UNOFFICIAL MEETINGS OF CCD ON COMPREHENSIVE NEGOTIATING PROGRAM AND UNOFFICIAL MEETINGS ON CCD PROPOSALS.

4. AFTER TERMINATION MORNING MEETING, US AND SOVIET REPS CONFERRED ABOUT EXTENDING SPRING SESSION TO APRIL 28. BOTH HAD EARLIER ASCERTAINED FROM RESPECTIVE SEISMIC EXPERTS THAT EXPERT GROUP IN AGREEMENT ON NEED FOR ANOTHER MEETING RELATIVELY SOON; END APRIL OR EARLY JUNE WERE POSSIBILITIES; LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AND SOVIETS REQUIRED AND UN SECRETARIAT WISHED EXPERT GROUP MEET WHILE CCD IN SESSION. HENCE, USREP AND SOVREP AGREED WOULD ACCEPT YUGOSLAV PROPOSAL EXTEND CCD SESSION THROUGH APRIL 28, ALTHOUGH WITH RELUCTANCE, PROVIDED THIS WAS LINKED TO SEISMIC EXPERT GROUP MEETINGS DURING WEEK OF APRIL 25. COMMENT: USREP HAD EARLIER VERIFIED WITH FILSON, ARPA, US EXPERT, THAT THIS MET HIS SCHEDULE, AND ALSO LATER ASCERTAINED FROM ERICSSON, SWEDISH CHAIRMAN OF EXPERT GROUP, THAT THIS HAD HIS WARM SUPPORT. STATE/ARPA/ACDA PLEASE NOTE THIS WEEK OF EXPERT MEETINGS NOW FIRM. END COMMENT.

5. DURING AFTERNOON CONTINUATION OF UNOFFICIAL MEETINGS TO DISCUSS CCD SPRING SESSION PROGRAM, NIGERIAN REP NOTED THAT AMB CLARK WOULD NOT BE IN GENEVA UNTIL MARCH 18 AND, STRESSING AMB CLARK'S PREVIOUS CONTRIBUTIONS TO THIS SUBJECT, SUGGESTED THAT UNOFFICIAL MEETINGS ON THIS TOPIC BE HELD MARCH 21-26. USREP (MEYERS) AND INDIAN REP (JAIN) ASKED FOR CLARIFICATION OF NIGERIAN PROPOSAL. NIGERIAN REP INDICATED DESIRE TO POSTPONE UNOFFICIAL MEETINGS ON COMPREHENSIVE NEGOTIATING

PROGRAM UNTIL MARCH 21-26. US REP EXPRESSED WILLINGNESS
CONSIDER GROUP FIFTEEN PROPOSAL TO SET SUCH DISCUSSIONS FOR
WEEK OF MARCH 7, AND NOTED CLARK COULD SPEAK ON SUBJECT
ALSO IN BOTH PLENARY AND UNOFFICIAL MEETINGS DURING MARCH 21-26.

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6. SOV REP (LIKHATCHEV) EMPHASIZED DESIRABILITY OF
CONCENTRATING MORE ON SUBSTANCE RATHER THAN PROCEDURAL
ISSUES, AT SAME TIME INDICATING SOME SCHEDULING FLEXIBILITY.
HE NOTED THAT SEISMIC EXPERTS GROUP NEEDED TO MEET AT LEAST
TWO MORE TIMES THIS YEAR IN ORDER TO COMPLETE THEIR WORK
IN A TIMELY FASHION, AND REITERATED SOVIET POSITION THAT
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SUCH MEETINGS MUST OCCUR WHILE CCD IS IN SESSION. SOV REP PROPOSED THAT SPRING SESSION OF CCD BE EXTENDED ONE WEEK LONGER THAN CONTEMPLATED, IF LINKED TO ENABLING SEISMIC EXPERTS MEETINGS APRIL 25-29.

7. NIGERIAN REP INDICATED ACCEPTANCE OF ORIGINAL YUGOSLAV PROPOSAL REGARDING DATES FOR MEETINGS ON PROPOSALS AND COMPREHENSIVE NEGOTIATING PROGRAM.

8. IN EXPLANATION OF RATIONALE FOR HOLDING PROCEDURES MEETINGS FIRST, YUGOSLAV REP INDICATED DESIRE TO START AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE IN ORDER TO ADDRESS PROPOSALS SUCH AS THOSE THAT HAVE BEEN MADE BY MEXICO AND ITALY, AMONG OTHERS. MEXICAN REP (MARIN) ADDED COMMENT THAT AT LAST YEAR'S SUMMER SESSION CCD DECIDED TO DEAL WITH PROCEDURAL ISSUES "AT THE VERY OUTSET" OF THE NEXT SESSION. HE SAID THAT WHILE MEXICO WOULD PREFER TO MOVE CTB UP ON THE SCHEDULE, SINCE THEY ACCORD THAT THE HIGHEST PRIORITY, THEY UNDERSTOOD AND ACCEPTED REASONS WHY IT COMES WHERE IT DOES IN THE SCHEDULE. ITALIAN REP (DI BERNARDO) INDICATED AGREEMENT WITH MEXICAN RATIONALE ON DEALING WITH PROCEDURES AHEAD OF COMPREHENSIVE NEGOTIATING PROGRAM. SOV REP, SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF CO-CHAIRMAN, SAID THAT REVERSAL OF SCHEDULE FOR UNOFFICIAL MEETINGS ON PROCEDURES AND COMPREHENSIVE NEGOTIATING PROGRAM WAS ACCEPTABLE.

9. FRG REP (BAUCH) INDICATED THAT DATES PROPOSED FOR UNOFFICIAL MEETINGS ON CHEMICAL WEAPONS POSED A PROBLEM FOR HIS GOVERNMENT AND THAT HE WOULD BE FORCED TO RESERVE ON THESE DATES. FRG REP EMPHASIZED THAT PROBLEM WAS ONLY WITH DATES AND NOT WITH MEETINGS THEMSELVES.

10. US REP ASSOCIATED US DEL WITH PROPOSAL BY SOV REP TO EXTEND SPRING SESSION FOR ONE WEEK WITH A VIEW TO ACCOMMODATING ANOTHER ROUND OF MEETINGS BY SEISMIC EXPERTS. HOWEVER, HE RESERVED ON QUESTION OF SUMMER SESSION OPENING DATE INDICATING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THAT THERE WAS NO ENTHUSIASM IN USG FOR STARTING SUMMER SESSION PRIOR TO SEABED TREATY REVCON, AND QUESTIONED NEED SETTling NOW OPENING OF CLOSING DATES. INDIAN REP QUESTIONED NEED FOR HOLDING ANOTHER ROUND OF MEETINGS FOR SEISMIC GROUP DURING SPRING SESSION, HOWEVER, HE ACQUIESCED AFTER BOTH SWEDISH REP AND US REP INDICATED VIEWS OF SEISMIC EXPERTS GROUP WITH REGARD TO THEIR FUTURE WORK PROGRAM.

11. ROMANIAN REP (ENE) PROPOSED THAT FORMAL AGREEMENT ON WORK PROGRAM INCLUDE INDICATION THAT PLENARIES WILL BE CONDUCTED ON BASIS AGENDA ADOPTED IN 1961 AND REAFFIRMED IN 1968, WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT ANY DEL MAY SPEAK ON ANY TOPIC DURING ANY SESSION.

12. INFORMAL AGREEMENT WAS REACHED ON ROMANIAN PROPOSAL AND ON INFORMAL WORKING SCHEDULE TO BE APPROVED FORMALLY AT NEXT CCD PLENARY SESSION ON TUESDAY, MARCH 1. SOVIET REP OBJECTED TO STARTING UNOFFICIAL MEETINGS ON CCD PROCEDURES UNTIL WORK SCHEDULE FORMALLY APPROVED BY CCD. UK REP AND US REP STATED SUPPORT OF THIS POSITION ON PROCEDURAL GROUNDS.

13. SCHEDULE OF UNOFFICIAL MEETINGS FOR CCD SPRING SESSION. (COMMENT: PLENARIES WILL OCCUR THROUGHOUT THIS PERIOD, INCLUDING BLANK SPACES.)

FEB 21-FEB 25: SEISMIC EXPERTS GROUP

FEB 28-MAR 4: UNOFFICIAL MEETINGS OF CCD ON PROCEDURES

MAR 7-MAR 11: UNOFFICIAL MEETINGS OF CCD ON COMPREHENSIVE NEGOTIATING PROGRAM

MAR 14-MAR 18: UNOFFICIAL MEETINGS OF CCD ON NEW TYPES AND SYSTEMS OF MDW, WITH PARTICIPATION OF EXPERTS

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MAR 21-MAR 26:

MAR 28-APRIL 2: UNOFFICIAL MEETINGS OF CCD ON CW, WITH PARTICIPATION OF EXPERTS

APR 4-APR 7: CONTINUATION OF UNOFFICIAL MEETINGS OF CCD ON CW, AS NECESSARY

APR 11-APR 15:

APR 18-APR 22: UNOFFICIAL MEETINGS OF CCD ON CTB

APR 25-APR 29: SEISMIC EXPERTS GROUP

NOTE: CCD HAS ALREADY GIVEN FORMAL APPROVAL TO DATES FOR INITIAL MEETING OF SEISMIC EXPERTS GROUP AND FOR MDW MEETINGS.CATTO

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